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W. CARROLL.

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Misses the "Tree of Knowledge"

Will Carroll, the Metropolitan selector, is one of many enthusiasts who regrets the loss of the old Park Oval to Soccer ball. The old oval brings many recollections to the Pymont Rovers, Pymont district, and Annandale players was the triumph of many successes. The ever popular no doubt misses the "Tree of Knowledge" at the Park. It was the happy hunting ground of many old friends. Here my Lyons, Joe ("Coon") Dawes, Tom Dennis, Sid Condon, Jack Mitchell, and Tom Spencer were players in the 1906-9, met and discussed football problems of the past and present.

POT SHOTS.

"Hardy, Graham, Spence, Elkes and Seymour are potential names in English Soccer circles."—Out of the bag!

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THE ENGLISH TEAM

Impressions of the Players.

...ther of the goalies, Hardy ...port County, or Davison, ...field Wednesday, have been ...pon to save any hot shots ...and it is therefore impossible ...make a comparison of their ...es, or compare them with ...ian 'keepers. One striking ...about their play is, how- ...their "punting" ability. ...ing long kicks or pass backs ...their own men very cleanly, ...lick the ball out over the ...ing line, and invariably ...one of their colleagues. ...back, Charlton, Poynton ...aker, are all good men, ...how how to protect their ...nger, as well as being ex- ...s Poynton in other depart- ...of full-back play. Poynton ...ed left back in six of the ...atches to date, and is ...ing up wonderfully, kicking ...at any angle with either ...he is also a good tackler, ...overs quickly and is a dif- ...to beat. The halves ...great lot, being sturdy and ...at times brilliant. The ...three are Hamilton, Spen- ...and Caesar. These men pos- ...weight and weight, and are ...very quick on their ...Hannah is a very fine right ...placing being a treat to ...while Graham, in the ...against Scotland, just be- ...out was acclaimed on ...as the best of the Eng- ...He is fast on the ...and a pretty footballer.

The Forwards.

...ward division, on ac- ...the nature of the opposi- ...have been in the picture ...and are a fine set of ...Hannaford, the out- ...is a dazzling player,

and a splendid winger. He can play equally well at outside left. Seymour is the Newcastle United man who scored the winning goal in the English Cup a few years ago, and he has already secured some nice goals on this tour. He has not yet, according to the English manager, Mr. John Lewis, been successful in finding his best form yet, but is doing well. Elkes,

the Tottenham Hotspur man, at inside left, will please the crowds later on in this State and Queensland, as he delighted the spectators in Adelaide and Perth. He is extremely tricky, as light as the proverbial cat on his feet, tall and weighty withal, and one of the best footballers in the party. When he begins to play serious football, then his exhibition will be well worth witnessing. Williams, the West Ham representative, is a very strong player, and shoots solidly with either foot. He and Batten and Simms make a fine combination. Batten is very versatile, and has a very pleasing style. In the first match he played outside left, and since then has played centre forward, where he has scored many goals, inside right and inside left. Simms has a quiet even style, but is very capable, and being a clever marksman, has scored a number of good goals. Sage has played inside and outside right, and has done equally well in either position. He is, according to his team mates, a fine bustling centre, and an awkward half-back to get past. Walsh is the Liverpool lad who had the hard luck to suffer a deal from sea sickness on the voyage out, and took some time to get into condition again. He is now rapidly improving, and it is expected he will make a name for himself before leaving this country.

The English Style of Play.

As is apparent now to the spectators here, the English style of play is altogether different from that of the average Australian. The English player must first of all be a good footballer in the broad sense of the word, with good control over the ball. He plays

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for position all the time, and always passes to a colleague. There is no indiscriminate kicking. A player holds the ball sometimes, and, if possible, makes ground with it before sending it on, and his colleagues work into position to receive a pass. The ball is sent in most cases along the carpet, and just ahead of the player to whom it is passed, so that he can take it in his stride. Their work in the field at times borders on the uncanny, and as the tour progresses it will be a real education to Australians who have never seen the game played outside this country to watch them in action.

Charging.

One phase of their play that may cause contention is their habit of charging an opponent who is merely going for the ball, and an opponent has not it in his possession. For example, a full back will send a pass back to the goalkeeper, and then prepare to shoulder charge or "shepherd" any opponent who is running towards it. In this way they always where possible protect their goalkeeper by keeping their opponents off. As another example, if the opposing right winger slips the ball past a full back and tries to race him for it, the English back would probably charge that player and prevent him getting to the ball. In this style of play they resemble the New Zealanders, who favoured these tactics. The Australian player will be at a disadvantage unless he also adopts these methods, for it may easily be seen that they tend to revolutionise the game, as it is played and refereed in this country.

We should learn much from this visit, and undoubtedly it will greatly improve our standard of play.

It has been remarked in the daily papers that the Gladesville-Ryde Club players always finish with a great dash. The reason for this can be well understood, for the club has a first-class trainer in J. Newlands, who knows his work, and has the boys in fine trim. Keep them at it, Johnny boy.

* * * *

The game has caught on amongst the Boy Scouts, and several competitions are now in progress.



H. HARDY.
A Great Goalie.

THE ENGLISH TOUR

Financial Side Discussed

The English team since their arrival in Australia has proved highly successful combining both from the playing point of view, and also from a financial standpoint. In all seven matches (not including last Wednesday's game) the Englishmen have won all seven, scoring forty-four goals against the Australians.

The gate takings for the various matches and the results have been as follows:—

- V. West Australia (midweek match), Subiaco Oval, £169; defeated W.A. 5 to nil.
- V. West Australia (Saturday), Fremantle Oval, £611; defeated W.A. 7 goals to nil.
- V. South Australia (midweek), Adelaide Oval, £128; defeated S.A. 10 goals to nil.
- V. Australian team at The Oval (Saturday), £37; defeated Australian team.
- V. Victoria, Melbourne Cricket Ground (Wednesday), defeated Victoria 7 goals to nil.
- V. Australian team, Melbourne Cricket Ground (Saturday), £1004; defeated Australian team 5 goals to nil.
- V. New South Wales (Saturday), Royal Agricultural Ground, £3692; defeated N.S.W. 10 goals to nil.

The total gross receipts for the tour up to the time of writing were therefore £6440. This includes tax, ground rent, etc. The total gross receipts is estimated, required to successfully finance the tour at £18,000, and as the tour in Australia will last 13 weeks, means that £1460 per week gross receipts must be obtained. The amount required to do this is therefore £5840, so the amount obtained is very satisfactory, and should the gates of State and Queensland come up to expectations, then a nice profit on the tour should be made. It is worth noting that last Saturday's gate of £3692 was easily the highest for the previous matches combined, which added to £2748, so it must be apparent now that even in the event of a failure or success of any kind depends upon the support given in this State. Of course, Queensland gates should be a factor, and a big attendance is looked for in Melbourne for the fifth test.

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Goal:

L. Evans

1—G. Smart

2—J. Murray

3—R. Chiswell

4—J. Tranter

5—J. Picken

6—A. Lavender 7—C. Hayes 10—F. Melliar-Smith 9—W. Glass

11—H. J. Sherringham

O

8—Smith

10—Baker

9—Dezernaulds

7—Skinner

6—R. Main

5—A. Gray

4—A. Thomson

3—C. O'Connor

2—J. Comrie

1—Booth

Manson

Goal:

EASTERN SUBURBS

(Red, White and Blue)

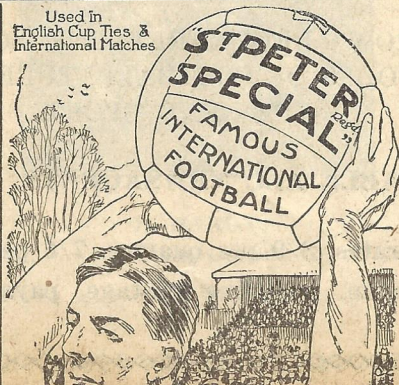
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21—Basterfield

Reserves—St. George: 12—J. Marsh 8—C. Graham

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ST. GEORGE

Goal:

(Team not available at press)

O

18—Hetherington

19—Dryden

17—Miller

16—Poindestre

17—Dryden

16—Wilkins

15—Raften

14—Pozdelik

13—A. Rigby

W. Rushton

Goal:

EASTERN SUBURBS

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GRANVILLE v. BALMAIN

FIRST GRADE — CLYDE OVAL — 3.15 P

Referee: A. W. Bates.

GRANVILLE

Black and White Stripes)

Goal:

Atchison

1—C. Leabeater

2—W. Mace

3—N. Hill

4—A. Edwards

5—J. He

6—S. Bourke

7—H. Winter

9—E. Waldon

10—

8—S. O'Toole

O

8—J. Sinclair

10—C. Brennan

9—F. Hancock

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Referee: G. McLay.

GRANVILLE

Goal:

Callaghan

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 13—Stevens | 14—E. Bainbridge |
| 15—T. Ritchie | 19—E. Rigby |
| 20—M. Leabetter | 21—H. Williams |
| 22—D. McKay | 12—W. Galloway |

O

12—W. Buttell

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 13—H. White | 23—H. Watson |
| 14—R. White | 16—L. Jelfs |
| 15—W. Ferguson | 17—S. Jelfs |
| 18—H. Bridge | |

W. Hughes

Goal:

BALMAIN

- | | |
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| 20—F. Jelfs | 22—S. Cunningham |
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GLADESVILLE-RYDE v. ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.

FIRST GRADE — IBROX PARK — 3.15 p.m.

Referee: C. R. Brown.

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT
(Black)

Goal:

G. Cartwright

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1—J. Crum | 13—A. Watson |
| 20—A. Owen | 4—J. Watson |
| 5—F. Lambert | |
| 21—T. Ryan | 7—G. Turner |
| 9—J. Burcham | 10—R. Osborne |
| 8—L. Brisbane | |

O

16—J. Simmons

- | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| 10—H. Robertson | 9—H. Henson | 8—G. Macfarlan | 24—J. Hain |
| 5—H. Spurway | 21—M. Malzey | 23—T. Ellis | |
| 2—E. Pont | 1—S. Montgomery | | |

F. Anderson

Goal:

GLADESVILLE-RYDE
(Maroon)

SECOND GRADE — 1.45 p.m.

Referee: H. Ashby.

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT

A. Wylie

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| 12—W. Sims | 16—L. Storey |
| 3—G. Graham | 15—D. Downing |
| 14—A. Crum | |
| 17—J. Gigg | 18—W. Park |
| 21—Birch | 20—S. Quinn |
| 18—R. Books | |

O

Little

- | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 25—P. McFarlane | Daves | 5—J. Wallace | 29—R. Campbell |
| 15—K. Jennings | 13—D. Steel | 18—McAllan | |
| 14—Twine | 27—J. Lyon | | |

Programme

PYRMONT v. CANTERBURY

FIRST GRADE — CANTERBURY SPORTS GROUND — 3.15 p.m.

Referee: W. A. Wright.

CANTERBURY.
(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Goal:

Bailey

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1—McLaren | 2—W. Brawn |
| 3—E. Loveridge | 4—R. Robinson |
| 5—A. Forbes | |
| 6—A. Burns | 7—Howard |
| 9—R. Bennett | 10—J. Clarke |
| 8—S. Alewood | |

O

8—W. McCarthy

- | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 10—M. Wells | 9—N. Kelly | 7—E. Childs | 6—V. Edwards |
| 5—C. Timms | 4—G. Crawford | 3—J. Cohen | |
| 2—S. Robinson | 1—T. Bourke | | |

Verity

Goal:

PYRMONT
(Blue)

Reserves—Canterbury: 11—A. Herron 12—F. Clark
13—A. Manuel

SECOND GRADE — 1.45 p.m.

Referee: A. Summers.

CANTERBURY.

(Teams not available at press)

EVOLUTION OF SOCCER.

The game of Soccer, otherwise known as Association football, as we know it to-day has been played since 1863. But for centuries before that the game was played in a crude, uncouth style, under rules which we to-day would call "Rugby" rules. For Soccer is, of course, a modern evolution of all the innumerable kinds of ball games that were lustily indulged in by our remote earthly forerunners of the misty past. For ball games bearing a crude resemblance to those we know so well were known to many nations of antiquity. Ancient tribes, such as the Eskimos, the Maoris, and the Philip-
pino Islanders also played a ball game which might be described as the germ to which Soccer owes its origin.

An ancient Grecian game bore a striking resemblance to modern Soccer, whilst Irish antiquarians would assert that "King Football" reigned in Ireland 2000 years ago.

In early European times the football festival of the year was held on Pancake Tuesday.

William Fitzstephen, in his "Description of London" (published in 1190) speaks of these annual Pancake Tuesday games, and that is the earliest written reference to football of any kind so far as England is concerned. Over a century later, however, it appears that the early forms of football were common and popular in London.

It is recorded that King Edward III. in 1314, "Didde forbyde the pastyme by reasone of the noyse in ye cityes caused by the handling over large balls."

Henry VIII., and Elizabeth also issued laws against football. From all accounts, however, it has been played in a particular fashion.

Of its ancient popularity in Ireland—even among the "Gael" of the day—is the record that the statutes of 1527 forbade every game of archery and the great

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As already stated, football which in its several modern forms may be defined as a game between two opposing sides played with a large inflated ball, which is propelled by either the feet alone or by both hands and feet, was first classified and standardised in England in 1863.

A Distinct Game.

In that year Soccer, or English Association football, became a distinct game, inasmuch that it became distinguished from other forms of the game which permitted the handling and carrying of the ball. Rules were drawn up in October, 1863, by a committee consisting of the schools of Eton, Harrow, Rugby, Marlborough, Shrewsbury, and Westminster. The code of laws then decided upon settled the fundamental principle of "Association." That being, of course, as nearly every one knows, the prohibiting of any player on either side, excepting the rival goalkeepers, handling

the ball whilst same is in play. The result of that committee's deliberations—the Association code almost as it stands to-day—proved to be the real foundation of England's premier winter sport. By the early seventies of last century the new form of an age-old pastime had gained a soundly established hold upon the youth of England. The International Football Association Board—England, Scotland, represented thereon—was brought into being in 1882, and a universal code of "Soccer" laws agreed upon.

Then, at a memorable meeting held at Paris in 1904, the "International Federation of Association Football" was instituted.

The countries in the initial federation were: Belgium, Austria, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

Thus, in brief, from the obscure depths of brutalised pastimes, Soccer, the fair clean game we know to-day, evolved, as did also, for that matter, the fine kindred sports of "Rugger" and the Australian game.

TRICKS THAT SPOIL FOOTBALL.

By Stanley Seymour, the Newcastle United Player, in "Tit Bits"

After a fairly extensive experience of first-class football, I can safely say that professional players are as decent a set of fellows as anyone could wish to meet.

Unfortunately, however, there are a few black sheep in every fold, and, do what you will, it is impossible to prevent the minority of players, who appear to possess peculiar views about what is



J. HAMILTON.
A Champion Half.

meant by "playing the game," from taking an active part in the sport.

Obvious fouls can be dealt with easily by the referee, but the trouble is that the "win at any price" player is frequently too cute to be obvious in his shady methods. Of course, there are times when this sort of player comes a cropper, as for instance, when that one time great full back, Jimmy Sharp, was dangerously and intentionally fouled. Sharp did not lose his temper, but grasped the offender firmly, and then gently boxed his ears. Everybody roared, including the referee, and there was no further trouble.



W. WILLIAMS.
The West Ham Forward.



C. HANNAFORD.
A Sparkling Winger.

At the same time, taking the into your own hands, usually the effect of making matters worse.

One of the favorite tricks the underhanded player is that using his elbow when two are jumping for a header. A padding in the stomach may be rather dangerous, and in any case an innocent victim is almost certain to sustain a nasty fall.

On occasions, too, the same trick comes into play when an unscrupulous player is running alongside for possession of the ball. In either case the referee has little or no chance of seeing what is happening, and the



W. CAESAR.
The Amateur Player.

thing you can do is to stand against such attacks.

There is another type of player whose methods are even more subtle. I refer to the man who does his best to goad you into losing their heads and tempers. He keeps up a stream of ill-natured criticism in an insistent tone, until his victim is tempted to retaliate in a manner which brings discredit where it is not deserved.

I have heard it suggested that the referee should have discretionary power to allow a player to play when a man is injured through no fault of

This might check dangerous tactics to a certain extent, but the official who had to decide that an injured member of some team was "crooked" through his own carelessness.

A trick that is very difficult to detect has been played on me more than once by unscrupulous de-

When two of us have been racing for the ball, the back half-back pretends to slip, and falling to the ground, shoots his legs in such a way that we are certain to be tripped unless you can jump clear. A variation of the same trick is carried out at times by a player who actually fallen. In this case his legs are suddenly swung round and he pretends to rise—and over-

N.S.F.A. FIXTURES.

13th JUNE, 1925.

1st Grade.

Leichhardt v Balmain, 3.15.
St. George v St. George, 3.15.
Eastern Suburbs v Waverley, 3.15.
Gladesville-Ryde v Waverley, 3.15.

2nd Grade.

Leichhardt v Balmain, 1.45.
St. George v St. George, 1.45.
Eastern Suburbs v Waverley, 1.45.
Gladesville-Ryde v Waverley, 1.45.

CLUB LEAGUE.

A Division.

Leichhardt v Sunlight Sports Ground, 3.15.
North Sydney v Cal-
Colliery v Pyrmont, Eas-
Park, 3.15.
Auburn, Tantillior
Park, 3.15.

B Division.

Eastern Suburbs, Boora-
Park, 3.15.
G. R. Holcombe
down, 3.15.
R.A.N., Erskineville
Park, 3.15.



The rival Captains shaking hands before the first New South Wales Match.

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Besides the fine cup that the English Football Association have presented to Australia, cups have also been presented to Canada and

New Zealand. The Australian trophy is for competition among the various States. The draw seems the most difficult thing to get over.

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FIXTURES FOR 13th JUNE, 1925

All Age.

Glebe Diamonds v City United,
Cooks River, 3.15 p.m.
Fivedock v. Leichhardt Juniors,
Primrose Park No. 1, 3.15.
Plywood Rovers the bye.

A Grade.

Sunlight v Lilyfield, Algie Park
3.15.
Balmain St. Marys v Alexandria,
Primrose Park No. 1, 1.45..
Easton Park v Leichhardt Jnrs.
Easton Park, 1.45.
Newtown Juniors the bye.

B Grade.

Lilyfield v Leichhardt Juniors
Algie Park, 1.45.
Banksmeadow v Rozelle Waratahs,
Cooks River, 1.45.
Warren Avoca v Punch Park, Sun-
light, 1.45.

Annandale Federals the bye.

C Grade, Division 1.

Lilyfield v Annandale Waratahs,
Primrose Park No. 2, 2 p.m.
Rozelle Waratah v Fivedock, Al-
exandria, 3 p.m.
Leichhardt Juniors v Balmain
Gladstones, Primrose Park No.
2, 3.15 p.m.

Wentworth Juniors the bye.

C Grade, Division 2.

Annandale Athletic v Stanmore
United, Erskineville, 1.45.
Erskineville Rangers v Glebe Uni-
ted, Boralee, 2 p.m.
Alexandria v Botany Rechabites,
Banksmeadow, 3 p.m.

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB.

REPLY TO CRITICISM.

Your correspondent's remarks in "Soccer News" of May 16, call for an answer, as his statements are very far from the truth, and are evidently written with the idea of harming the District Club. In spite of his efforts, the District Club is progressing very favorably, and is gaining increased support in its efforts to forward the code in St. George.

His statement that the District Club had a reserve team last season, and that they should have taken this team over as their Second Grade team this season proves that he is ignorant on the subject. The present District Club is now in its first season, and so could not have been in existence last season. The date of foundation of the District Club is 8th December, 1924, and the club was formed at a public meeting held at the Kogarah School of Arts on that date.

The St. George District Club which was in existence last season and of which I was Hon. Secretary, was disbanded to make way for a new club under the District scheme. The junior section of that club decided to form a club of their own, and to enter the local association long before the winding up of the old club. It was not their wish to act as a reserve team to the present club,

as several of their members were out of the district, and were therefore not residentially qualified to play for the new District Club. They acted within their rights, and credit must be given to them for the way in which they are carrying on. They were not competent to enter the St. George Association. They acted quite voluntarily. So why interfere, Mr. C.

If your correspondent was a true supporter of the code, he would not rush into print, but would have done on this occasion what he would give advice through proper channels.

R. G. BIRD,

Hon. Secretary.

St. George District Club.

Conversations with some of the leading referees convince me that the recent instruction relating to players and injuries on the field is viewed with mixed feelings. In addition to his already heavy responsibilities, the presiding referee has now to determine whether a player has been seriously or slightly injured; if seriously injured, the game must be immediately stopped and the player removed from the playing pitch; if slightly injured, notice should be taken of the incident until the ball is out of play. Many factors, such as the player's temperament or physical condition, are bound to influence the referee's decision. Besides, it is not even allowed the referee the opportunity to examine the player before deciding the extent of the injury. There is little doubt, however, that referees as a body have been wanting in discretion, and that a great measure brought about the differentiation of injuries upon themselves through being too lenient and stopping the game without real necessity.

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Under a recent instruction from the International Board of Football in Britain "a player is not allowed to dissent by word or action to a decision, and the referee is required to report the breach of this instruction as ungentlemanly behaviour." By the way, that the ruling should not say the referee "may" dissent, but that he "must" dissent. Has any reader seen a player dissent this season in which not once a dozen times, this player has shown dissent from a referee's decision without being warned?

M.S.F.A.

TODAY'S GAMES.

1st Grade.

Balmain, Clyde Oval.

(A. W. Bates).

Canterbury, Canter-

(W. A. Wright).

Annandale-L.,

Park, 3.15. (C. R.

Eastern Suburbs.

No. 2, 3.15. (A. L.

2nd Grade.

Balmain, Clyde Oval.

(G. McLay).

Canterbury, Canter-

(A. Summers).

Annandale-L.,

Park, 1.45. (H. Ashby).

Eastern Suburbs

No. 2, 1.45. (W. Blake-

CLUB LEAGUE.

A Division.

Leich. v Callan Park

Park, 2.15. (E. Rat-

Sunlight, Sunlight

Ground, 3.15. (G.

North Sydney Ran-

tallion Park, 3.15. (J.

Bal. Colliery, Easton

Park, 1.15. (Dodge).

B Division.

Bankstown, Bankstown.

(H. Brown).

Eastern Suburbs,

Annandale Park, 3.15. (H.

G. R. Holcombe, Lyne

Park, 1.15. (T. Leighton).

SHIP TABLES.

Goals.

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

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6 4 2 0 17 14 8

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2nd GRADE

6 4 4 2 16 5 10

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2nd GRADE

A Division

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5 1 2 2 7 10 4

4 2 2 11 7 4

5 1 4 4 13 2

5 5 5 20 0

B Division

Alexandria	5	4	1	—	22	6	8
R.A.N.	5	3	1	1	27	9	7
Bankstown	5	3	1	1	16	6	7
Botany Albions	5	3	2	—	18	11	6
E. Suburbs	5	1	4	—	8	29	2
G. R. Holcombe	5	—	5	—	5	35	0

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

Primrose Park No. 2 was the venue of two very fine C Grade fixtures last Saturday week.

Rozelle Waratahs and Annandale Waratahs provided the early fixture which was full of interest from start to finish. Hickey, Annandale, scored two goals in the first half, which gave his club a 2 to nil lead at half time. The second half was fought with renewed vigour. Rozelle, who were pressing strenuously, were rewarded by a goal. The final score was in favor of Annandale by 2 goals to one.

The late game—Balmain Gladstones versus Wentworth Juniors—was played in the rain, although the ball was greasy, and the ground heavy, a very interesting game was witnessed, and resulted in a win for Wentworth Juniors by two goals to one, the winning goal being scored in the last five minutes of the game.

COMPETITION TABLES

All Age

	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts
City United	4	4	—	—	—	1	18	2 8
Leichhardt Js.	4	3	1	—	—	1	14	7 6
Glebe Diamond	4	2	2	—	—	1	8	12 4
Five Dock	4	1	3	—	—	1	9	11 2
Plywood Rov.	4	—	4	—	—	1	11	19 0

A Grade

Easton Park	5	5	—	—	1	16	1	10
Lilyfield . .	5	4	—	1	1	22	7	9
Alexandria Js.	5	3	2	—	1	17	12	6
Newtown Jrs.	5	2	3	2	1	5	5	6
Leichhardt Js.	6	2	4	—	—	16	17	1
Bal. St Marys	5	—	4	1	1	9	17	1
Sunlight . .	5	—	5	—	1	1	27	0

B Grade

Lilyfield	5	4	1	—	—	1	14	4 8
Rozelle Wara.	5	4	1	—	—	1	15	3 8
Banksmeadow	5	4	1	—	—	1	17	7 8
Punch Park	4	1	3	2	—	—	4	6 4
Warren Avoca	5	1	2	2	—	1	5	8 4
Ann. Federals	5	1	2	2	—	1	7	10 4
Leichhardt Js.	5	0	5	—	—	1	4	28 0

C Grade, Division 1

Lilyfield	5	4	1	—	—	1	16	5 8
Ann. Waratah	5	4	1	—	—	1	14	5 8
Wentworth Js.	5	3	1	1	—	1	10	8 7
Rozelle Wara.	5	3	2	—	—	1	10	3 6
Leichhardt Js.	5	1	2	2	—	1	6	8 4
Bal. Gladstones	6	0	4	2	—	—	5	13 2
Five Dock	5	0	4	1	—	1	0	19 1

C Grade Division 2

	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts
Bot. Rechabites	6	6	—	—	—	—	25	3 12
Alexandria	6	5	1	—	—	—	24	6 10
Erskineville R.	6	3	3	—	—	—	15	6 6
Ann. Athletic	6	2	4	—	—	—	5	23 4
Glebe Juniors	6	1	4	1	—	—	6	17 3
Stanmore Utd.	6	—	5	1	—	—	3	23 1

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, THE 6th JUNE.

All Age.

Glebe Diamonds v Plywood Rovers, Easton Park, 1.45.

Fivedock v City United, Primrose Park No. 1, 3.15.

Leichhardt Juniors the bye.

A Grade.

Sunlight v Balmain St. Marys, Sunlight, 1.45.

Easton Park v Lilyfield, Primrose Park No. 1, 1.45.

Newtown Juniors v Alexandria, Erskineville, 1.45.

Leichhardt Juniors the bye.

B Grade.

Lilyfield v Banksmeadow, Booralee, 3.15.

Warren Avoca v Leichhardt Jrs., Cooks River, 3.15.

Annandale Federals v Rozelle Waratahs, Algite Park, 3.15.

Punch Park the bye.

C Grade Division 1.

Lilyfield v Rozelle Waratahs, Algite Park, 2 p.m.

Leichhardt Juniors v Annandale Waratahs, Cooks River, 2 p.m.

Wentworth Juniors v Fivedock, Primrose Park No. 2, 3.15.

Balmain Gladstones the bye.

C Grade Division 2.

Annandale Athletic v Erskineville Rangers, Primrose Park No. 2, 2 p.m.

Alexandria v Stanmore United, Alexandria, 3.15.

Botany Recs. v Glebe Juniors, Booralee, 2 p.m.

EASTERN SUBURBS ASSOCIATION.

Fixtures for June 13th.

All Age.

Bondi Beach v Bondi Waratah, Cent. Park No. 13, 3.15.

Tingira v Rose Bay, Centennial Park No. 12, 3.15.

North Sydney Rangers the bye.

B Grade.

Vauluse Salisbury v Bondi Beach.
Cent. Park No. 12, 1.45.
Daceyville Rovers v Bondi Waratah, Cent. Park No. 13, 1.45.
Waverley Rovers v Tingira—
ground announced later.

C Grade.

Waratah Juniors v Waverley Rovers A, Q. Park No. 5, 3.45.
Central Sports v Long Bay Kiora
Queens Park No. 5, 2.40.
Bondi Waratah v Waverley Rovers B, Q. Park No. 5, 1.35.
Bondi Beach the bye.

We compliment all the players on their appearing in the proper uniform. Keep it up, boys! Let us be an example right through the season.

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Queens Park, N.S., is a nice ground, but where were the chalk lines? Washed out before the rain started?

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Eastern Suburbs is a capitably organised club, and with the material available it is surprising that their first three engagements were lost. The forwards are clever enough, especially Kerr and Basterfield, but the half-backs, with the exception of O'Connor, are below standard. Jappy lacks knowledge as to taking up position, and was not at all sure in his kicking against Granville. Jock Comrie is as good as ever.

DISTRICT TEAM.

(By Bondi.)

Not having seen the above team play prior to last Saturday, I was at a loss to understand their repeated failures in the games played this season, but it is obvious that the whole trouble lies in the forward line. The defence against Balmain was particularly good, Comrie kicking and tackling well, as usual, and the half-backs doing sterling work, especially Peel, who has improved wonderfully on last season's play. Thompson, at centre half, would do better if he kept the ball lower when passing to his forwards. Basterfield is purely and simply an outside left, and to change him from that position is giving him little opportunity to show to advantage.

Easts badly want an inside left, centre forward and outside right, and the earlier the club finds these the sooner will be its successes. Both Rushton and Dryden are not forwards, and Brown dallies too long with the ball instead of making ground and getting it across. Maitland is a good forward, but cannot be expected to shine without able support.

I know Easts have had exceptionally bad luck to date in the matter of casualties, but where are all the fine players whose names were published in the "Soccer News" as residents of Eastern Suburbs when district football was inaugurated? Robson has certainly played a couple of games, but surely he has not left the club because it has suffered defeats. I sincerely hope both Maddocks and Kerr will soon recover from their injuries, thus strengthening the forwards and making Easts the team they should be.

With new blood in the forward line and the other players striving as hard as they did at Waverley Oval last Saturday, success is bound to crown their efforts.

May 30, 1925.

A correspondent writes:—"Catch questions in football produce any amount of fun, yet sometimes when one looks for the catch in a question, it isn't there! A poser was put to me the other day, and I had to study it quite a time. My friend said: "Can a player score two successive goals without another player touching the ball?" It looks utterly impossible. In fact, I think I said so, for my mind immediately flew to the law which says that after a goal has been scored the ball must be taken to the centre and kicked off by the side which has just been scored against.

But there wasn't a catch in the question. It can be done. Here is the explanation: The player scores on the stroke of half-time. There is no time to take the centre kick. So the players go off for the half-time rest. When the teams return, the centre-forward starts the game afresh, his side having won the toss and the opposition having kicked off in the first half. He drives the ball up the field; he is fouled as he runs after it, and, taking the free kick himself, he scores."

PROTESTANT CHURCH ASSOCIATION.**Fixtures for Saturday, 13th 1925.****First Grade.**

St. Johns Bal. A v Holy Trinity Hurlstone Park, 3.15.
All Saints A v Pyrmont C Wardell Road No. 1, 3.15.
St. Clements v Alex. Mission Cooks River No. 1, 3.15.
Austens F.C. v Drum. B. Leichhardt Flat, 3.15.

Second Grade, A Division.

Central Concord Meth. v Hurlstone Pk. Congs., Hurlstone Pk.
Lakemba Congs. A v Canterbury Meth., Lakemba, 3.15.
St. Andrews v Tempe Pk. Cooks River No. 1, 1.45.
M'kville Bapt. v M'kville Pk. Wardell Road No. 2, 3.15.

Second Grade, B Division.

St. Peters K.S.P. v City M. Cooks River No. 1, 1.45.
Botany Meth. A v Campsie A, Botany, 3.15.
Holy Trinity B v St. Bartholomew Wardell Road No. 3, 3.15.
Alex. Mission B v Enmore B. Wardell Road No. 4, 3.15.

Second Grade, C Division.

St. Johns Glebe v Croydon C. A, Croydon, 3.15.
Leichhardt Meth. v All Saints L'hardt Flat, 1.45.
St. Albans Dar. v St. Aidan's Centen. Park No. 1, 3.15.
All Saints B v St. Stephens Wardell Road No. 1, 1.45.

Third Grade, A Division.

Rozelle Meth. v Balmain B. Wardell Road No. 4, 1.45.
Annandale Meth. v St. John's Centen. Park No. 1, 1.45.
M'kville Pres. v St. Bedes, C. Park No. 2, 3.15.
St. Thomas A v Austens B. Wardell Road No. 3, 1.45.
St. Aidans B v Lakemba C. Wardell Road No. 2, 1.45.

Third Grade, B Division.

St. Silas v Campsie Congs. tennial Park No. 2, 1.45.
Botany Meth. B v St. Thomas Botany No. 2, 3.15.
Hurlstone Park Meth. v Campsie Meth., Campsie, 3.15.
St. James v Croydon Congs. Botany No. 1, 1.45.
Botany Pres. the bye.